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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 59/88 of 3 December 2004 on conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels, the General Assembly, convinced that conventional arms control needs to be pursued primarily in the regional and subregional contexts, since most threats to peace and security in the post-cold-war era arise mainly among States located in the same region or subregion, decided to give urgent consideration to the issues involved in conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels and requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the subject and to submit a report to it at its sixtieth session.

2. In compliance with that request, a note verbale, dated 14 February 2005, was sent to Member States requesting their views on the subject. To date, replies have been received from the following States: Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Georgia. These replies are reproduced in section II below. Any further replies received will be issued as addendums to the present report.

II. Replies received from Member States

Bolivia

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In keeping with its pacifist policy, Bolivia considers that General Assembly resolution 59/88, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", is a responsible and serious initiative for beginning consultations among Latin American countries. Important goals in this connection are participation in and follow-up of the meetings to be organized on the treatment of this item and promotion of the implementation of the resolution with a view to ensuring that the control measures adopted are efficient and effective.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Bosnia and Herzegovina is actively involved in the implementation of the measures regulated by the agreement on subregional arms control contained in annex 1B, article IV, of the Dayton Peace Accords.

It is important to emphasize that arms control at all levels represents a crucial segment in building mutual trust, preserving and strengthening peace and security. With regard to this, Bosnia and Herzegovina will consider all the suggestions of the parties interested and involved in further improvement of the mechanisms for arms control.

During the last year Bosnia and Herzegovina has:

(a) Successfully implemented the inspection regime;

(b) Participated at meetings of the Subregional Consultative Commission and on the Review Conference of the Agreement on Subregional Arms Control, held in June 2004.

Bosnia and Herzegovina considers it necessary to strengthen mutual trust further between regional countries, promoting openness and transparency in all military issues.

Georgia

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Georgia addresses the issue on the regional and subregional levels in the framework of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty and the Vienna Document 1999 on confidence-building measures.